

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS COURT  
FORT BEND COUNTY**

I, Laura Richard, duly elected County Clerk and Clerk of Court, Fort Bend County, Texas do hereby submit the Official Minutes of Commissioners Court held on the 25th day of August, 2020.



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**LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK**

Now, therefore, be it resolved upon the motion of Commissioner Meyers seconded by Commissioner Morales, duly put and carried, it is ordered to accept as presented for record the attached minutes approved on this the 1st day of September, 2020.



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**KP GEORGE, COUNTY JUDGE**

**MINUTES**

**DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE AND/OR VIDEO CONFERENCE**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 25TH DAY of AUGUST, 2020, Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met at a regular meeting with the following present:

KP GEORGE	COUNTY JUDGE
GRADY PRESTAGE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
ANDY MEYERS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
KEN R. DEMERCHANT	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK

A roll call of the Commissioners was called by Laura Richard, County Clerk with Commissioner Morales absent. In addition, other ancillary attendees were confirmed to be present.

Office of the County Attorney - Marcus Spencer  
County Auditor - Ed Sturdivant  
Director of Finance & Investments - Pamela Gubbels

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

**1. Call to Order.**

Call to Order by Judge KP George at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Grady Prestage.**

Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance by Commissioner Grady Prestage.

**3. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on August 11, 2020 and special meeting held on August 17, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve minutes of regular meeting held on August 11, 2020 and special meeting held on August 17, 2020.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

#### **4. Public Comments regarding the Agenda and Announcements.**

No public comments.

Commissioner DeMerchant presented two Proclamations in honor of Women's Equality Day 2020.

- Ms. Pooja Jesrani is one of twenty-nine NASA Flight Directors responsible for managing operations for all human spaceflight programs including the International Space Station (ISS). Commissioner thanked Ms. Pooja Jesrani for inspiring girls and women to Shoot for the Stars.
- Ms. Rozina Mohammad is the founder of the Casa Dei Bambini Montessori Schools and a recipient of CKW LUXE's Top 20 Inspiring Woman Impact Maker Award in 2020. Commissioner thanked Ms. Rozina Mohammad for her dedicated service to education.

Commissioner DeMerchant is grateful to those who have paved the way to afford the fundamental right for women to vote and therefore it is important to acknowledge the centennial anniversary of Women's Equality Day.

Judge George congratulated the Fort Bend Historic Commission on receiving a distinguished service award from the Texas Historic Commission.

Dr. Jacquelyn Minter, Director of HHS, gave a public health update. There are over 14,600 positive cases posted, over 9,000 recoveries and over 138 who have lost their lives to COVID-19. The state health department announced last week there were over 120,000 new cases being added to the state report due to significant data issues. The cases and reports are making their way to the local jurisdictions and HHS is currently processing reports with assistance from the state and from the school public health. It has become very important to watch the hospitalizations for evidence of improvements. HHS is continuing to see the positive effects of universal face coverings as people move about with decreased hospitalization and less people in the ICU beds both in Fort Bend County and in the Texas Medical Center. This is good news as schools are opening and as nursing homes are accepting visitors.

Judge George stated currently the County is assessing the risk level of COVID-19, which will change soon. This is not the time to let our guard down. Also, Judge indicated next week the Commissioners Court meeting will be conducted in person and everyone must follow safety protocol of wearing a face mask and continue social distancing.

Mark Flathouse, Emergency Manager gave an update on the storm. Over the last four days, the EOC was up and running and had full expectation to activate with Tropical Storm Marco. Currently, the primary function for EOC is to monitor another, Tropical Storm Laura, and work with jurisdictions and regions that are starting to evacuate off the coast. Fort Bend County is considered a pass through County and has maintained the roadways to make sure the evacuees can get to central Texas safely and securely. The EOC will assist partners in Brazoria County, Galveston County and Harris County to get the people off the coast in case there is a surge. Fort Bend County is right on the edge of the western cone and the storm is shifting towards this direction. There is a prediction the County will have wind and rain starting Wednesday afternoon, but there is not a whole lot forecasted for Fort Bend County. The EOC is making sure the County is prepared for the worst. This storm is fast moving and potentially will come through on Wednesday evening and end by Thursday morning. OEM is making sure the tollway is clear for evacuees. The EOC team continues to monitor and perform virtual duties to maintain social distancing. Mr. Flathouse has contacted the EOC staff, who are in different County departments, in preparation of the storm.

**Item 4 continued - Public Comments:**

Judge George thanked the Information Technology Team for helping the County with going virtual. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1:20 p.m.: Conduct Public Hearings and take all appropriate action on the following matters:**

Public hearing held. No public comments.

- A. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Benton Road at Irby Cobb Boulevard in Walnut Creek, Precinct 1.**
- B. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Veranda Section 30, Precinct 1.**
- C. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Sienna Section 18, Precinct 1.**
- D. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Creekside Ranch Section 11, Precinct 3.**
- E. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Canyon Village at Westheimer Lakes, Sec 3, Pct 3.**
- F. Acceptance of the traffic control plans for Jordan Ranch Section 15 and Jordan Ranch Street Dedication No. 3 and Reserves, Precinct 3.**
- G. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Rancho Bella Parkway at Mirandola Lane in Lakes of Bella Terra Subdivision, Precinct 3.**
- H. Acceptance of the traffic control plan for Grand Mission Estates Section 26, Precinct 4.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agenda Items 5A - 5H.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6 - 24:**

**6. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL: Approve out-of-state travel requests for County personnel:**

**Homeland Security & Emergency Management: Vladimir Hidrovo-Alban to Orlando, Florida October 12-16, 2020 to attend training. (Fund: Homeland Security & Emergency Management)**

**7. COUNTY JUDGE:**

**Set public hearing on the creation of Fort Bend County Reinvestment Zone No. 27 for tax abatement purposes pursuant to Section 312.201 and 312.401 of the Texas Property Code, to be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearings will be conducted remotely by videoconference.**

**8. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4:**

**Rescind action by Commissioners Court on Agenda Item 19A on August 11, 2020, regarding the request by Avni Choski to waive penalty and interest totaling \$464.06 on property taxes for tax year 2019, Precinct 4.**

**9. AUDITOR:**

**Approve amending the CARES Act allocation action as originally adopted on May 19, 2020 to include School District expenses for PPE, sanitization, distance learning, remote work and associated personnel cost to the Food/Nutrition Assistance Allocation, with no change in funding.**

**10. BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

- A. Auditor: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,426,239 as detailed on Auditor's form dated August 18, 2020 to reallocate previously approved CARES Act distributions from CARES Contingency into CARES Fort Bend due to additional costs incurred to support remote work, temporary staffing, equipment, and consulting necessary in response to the COVID19 pandemic.**
- B. Auditor: Approve transfer in the amount of \$5,313,230 as detailed on Auditor's form dated August 13, 2020 to allocate funds for the Demonstration Year 9 of the 1115 Waiver Program.**
- C. Commissioner, Pct. 2: Approve transfer in the amount of \$399 from Travel into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of an I-Pad.**
- D. County Court at Law No. 1: Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,000 from Operating Supplies and Materials into Information Technology to allocate funds for additional equipment for videoconferencing.**
- E. Health & Human Services: Approve transfer in the amount of \$2,500 from Property and Equipment into Information Technology to allocate funds for the purchase of computer related supplies and equipment.**
- F. Health & Human Services - Clinical Health: Approve transfer in the amount of \$775 from Information Technology into Property & Equipment and Supplies to allocate funds into the correct accounts to purchase clinic stools and supplies.**

**Item 10 continue - Budget Transfers:**

- G. **Health & Human Services - Emergency Medical Service:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from Capital Acquisitions into Information Technology and Property & Equipment to allocate funds for purchases through September 30, 2020.
  - H. **Information Technology:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from Capital Acquisitions into Fees to allocate funds into correct account for the Grant Management Project.
  - I. **Information Technology:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$7,000 from Travel and Training into Information Technology and Property and equipment to reallocate funds for mobile devices, cases and laptops.
  - J. **Information Technology:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from Fees into Information Technology to reallocate funds for replacement laptops and monitors.
  - K. **Library:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$16,956 from Fees and Operating Supplies into Information Technology to allocate funds into correct line item for the purchase of computers.
  - L. **Library:** Approve transfer in the amount of \$7,043 from Capital Acquisitions into Fees and Services to allocate funds into correct account for payment of services received.
11. **ENGINEERING-PAYMENTS:**
- A. Approve payment of Invoice No. AT891-0420-8 in the amount of \$10,103.75 to All-Terra Engineering, Inc., regarding professional construction material testing services for Braxton Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 13116x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)
  - B. Approve payment of Invoice No. 8 in the amount of \$134,799.34 to Conrad Construction Co., Ltd. for construction of Braxton Street, Mobility Bond Projects No. 13116x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)
  - C. Approve payment of Invoice No. 2000391794 in the amount of \$20,970.00 to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for professional construction management services regarding 2013 and 2017 Mobility Projects within all Precincts. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)
  - D. Approve payment of Invoice No. 13 in the amount of \$2,430.00 to HJ Consulting, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Various Roads in Arcola, Mobility Bond Project No. 17120x, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)
  - E. Approve payment of Invoice No. 12495 REV in the amount of \$19,188.90 to Lippke Cartwright & Roberts for professional engineering services regarding Front Street, Mobility Bond Project No. X18, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)
  - F. Approve payment of Invoice No. 202014180 in the amount of \$3,405.00 to Berg-Oliver Associates, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding FM 521 South, Mobility Bond Project No. 17111, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

**Item 11 continued - Engineering - Payments:**

- G. Approve payment of Invoice No. 10040703 in the amount of \$10,498.05 to Halff Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Bamore Road Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17105, Precinct 1. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
  - H. Approve payment of Invoice No. 00234623 in the amount of \$759.96 to Bio-West, Inc. for professional environmental services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
  - I. Approve payment of Invoice No. 720036 in the amount of \$21,470.00 to RPS for professional project management services regarding 2013 Mobility Bond Projects within Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
  - J. Approve payment of Invoice No. 20-4-000065 Final in the amount of \$5,933.00 to Geotech Engineering and Testing for construction material testing for Bellaire Boulevard and Westmoor Drive, Mobility Bond Project No. 17209-12, Precinct 2. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
  - K. Approve payment of Invoice No. 18 in the amount of \$4,375.00 and Invoice No. 19 in the amount of \$4,075.00 to The Guess Group, Inc. for property acquisitions services regarding 2017 Mobility Bond Projects within Precinct 2. (Fund: Right of Way)**
  - L. Approve payment of Invoice No. 81269 in the amount of \$16,806.07 to R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc. for professional engineering services regarding Beechnut Street, Mobility Bond Project No. 17410, Precincts 3 and 4. (Fund: 2017 Mobility Bonds)**
  - M. Approve payment of Invoice No. 12-0152244 in the amount of \$43,500.63 to IDS Engineering Group for professional engineering services regarding Harlem Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17402, Precincts 3 and 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
  - N. Approve payment of Invoice No. 27088 in the amount of \$7,412.25 to Geotest Engineering, Inc. for construction materials testing services for Mason Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17405, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
  - O. Approve payment of Invoice No. 4 in the amount of \$109,080.90 to Allgood Construction Company Inc. regarding construction of Mason Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17405, Precinct 4. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**
- 12. ENGINEERING-PERMITS:**
- A. Approve permit application from D&J Construction, Inc. to install concrete pavement and asphalt transition pavement on Post Road as part of the Savannah County Road 58 Phase V project, Permit No. 2020-38396, Precinct 1.**
  - B. Approve permit application from Octavian Rahaian Jr. dba Jeske RV LLC/ Team to install a commercial driveway at 9535 Jeske Road, Permit No. 2020-37792, Pct. 1.**
- Pulled
- C. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Irby Cobb Boulevard, Permit No. 2020-37961, Precinct 1.**

**Item 12 continued - Engineering - Permits:**

- D. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Heritage Park Drive, Permit No. 2020-37557, Precinct 1.**
- E. Approve permit application from CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a Texas Gas Operations to install a gas line along Post Road, Permit No. 2020-37392, Pct. 1.**
- F. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed at A. Myers, Permit No. 2017-16894, Precinct 1.**
- G. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed along Gapps Slough, Permit No. 2018-20471, Precinct 1.**
- H. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed along A. Myers, Berdett Road and Ricefield Road, Permit No. 2017-16896, Precinct 1.**
- I. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed along Gapps Slough, Permit No. 2017-11452, Precinct 1.**
- J. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed along Bryan Road, Permit No. 2018-22485, Precinct 1.**
- K. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed along Seabourne Creek, Permit No. 2018-24854, Precinct 1.**
- L. Approve release of performance bond from Reddico Construction Co., Inc. for work completed along Wood Street, Willow Street and East Dallas Street, Permit No. 2016-5559, Precinct 1.**
- M. Approve release of performance bond from R Construction Company Civil, LLC dba R Construction Company for work completed along Macek Road, Permit No. 2018-21544, Precinct 1.**
- N. Approve permit application from CTB Construction Inc./The Interfield Group to install two commercial driveways at 15051 Beechnut Street, Permit No. 2020-34885, Precinct 2.**
- O. Approve permit application from Comcast of Homes, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Brand Lane, Permit No. 2020-37560, Precinct 2.**
- P. Approve permit application from DL Meacham LP to install a hike and bike trail along Keegans Bayou, Permit No. 2020-37666, Precinct 2.**
- Q. Approve release of performance bond from Rodriguez Construction Group, LLC for work completed on Harlem Road, Permit No. 2017-14200, Precinct 2.**
- R. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC/Black & Veatch to install utility cable along Mason Road and Oxford Bend Lane, Permit No. 2020-37559, Precinct 3.**

**Item 12 continued - Engineering - Permits:**

- S. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Settegast Ranch Road, Permit No. 2020-37446, Precinct 3.**
- T. Approve release of performance bond from Tackle Construction, Inc. for completion of pavement repairs at 16510 Bissonnet Street, Permit No. 2020-35330, Precinct 3.**
- U. Approve permit application from AnSCO & Associates, LLC to install a small-cell node along Westheimer Parkway, Permit No. 2020-37549, Precinct 3.**
- V. Approve release of performance bond from Reddico Construction Co., Inc. for work completed along Fry Road, Langham Rose Drive and Ladies Tresses Drive, Permit No. 2017-12220, Precinct 3.**
- W. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Palomar Park Drive, Permit No. 2020-37960, Precinct 3.**
- X. Approve permit application from Clearwater Utilities, Inc. to install a waterline along Fulshear Gaston Road, Permit No. 2020-37658, Precinct 3.**
- Y. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable crossing under Commercial Center Boulevard, Permit No. 2020-37958, Precinct 3.**
- Z. Approve release of performance bond from Reddico Construction Co., Inc. for work completed along Westheimer Parkway, Permit No. 2018-20690, Precinct 3.**
- AA. Approve release of performance bond from Reliance Construction Services, L.P. for work completed along Sandhill Drive, Homeward Way, Spring Mist Court, Cloudy Mist Drive and Pecan Orchard Boulevard, Permit No. 2017-15468, Precinct 4.**
- BB. Approve release of performance bond from Reliance Construction Services, L.P. for work completed along New Territory Boulevard, Woodley Bend and Knights Branch Drive, Permit No. 2017-12542, Precinct 4.**
- CC. Approve release of performance bond from Hurtado Construction Company for work completed along Harlem Road, Permit No. 2017-11863, Precinct 4.**
- DD. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install utility cable along Voss Road, Permit No. 2020-37393, Precinct 4.**
- EE. Approve permit application from Windstream Sugar Land, LLC to install utility cable crossing under West Airport Boulevard, Permit No. 2020-37956, Precinct 4.**
- FF. Approve permit application from Windstream Sugar Land, LLC to install utility cable along West Airport Boulevard, Permit No. 2020-37558, Precinct 4.**
- GG. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable along Lake Riverstone Drive, LJ Parkway and Hagerson Road, Permit No. 2020-37957, Precinct 4.**
- HH. Approve permit application from Comcast of Houston, LLC to install fiber optic cable crossing under West Bellfort, Permit No. 2020-37959, Precinct 4.**

13. **ENGINEERING-DEVELOPMENT:**
  - A. **Accept the streets in Veranda Section 12: Fenn Dale Court 290.00 LF and Pearl Glen Drive 1,142.00 LF, and release the bond in the amount of \$100,240.00, Pct. 1.**
  - B. **Accept the streets in Harvest Green Section 20: Lucky Lurie Lane 88.55 LF, Orange Pumpkin Lane 936.00 Lf, Sweet Dumpling Drive 1,056.24 LF and Ripe Amber Cup Court 262.72 LF, for a total of 2,343.51 LF, and release the bond in the amount of \$166,390.00, Precinct 3.**
  - C. **Accept the streets in Harvest Green Section 23: Rustic Apple Drive 145.36 LF, Fresh Basil Court 252.10 LF, Sweet Sesame Street 759.61 LF, Clover Rise Court 130.74 LF, Lemongrass Breeze Lane 519.96 LF, Native Meadow Crossing 155.00 LF, Pasture Point Drive 270.71 LF and Primrose Bloom Lane 813.87 LF, for a total of 3,047.35 LF, and release the bond in the amount of \$216,020.00, Precinct 3.**
  - D. **Approve the plat for Candela Recreation Center, Precinct 3.**
  - E. **Approve the plat for the roads within Candela Section 1, Precinct 3.**
  - F. **Approve the plat for the lots within Candela Section 1, Precinct 3.**
  - G. **Set public hearing for acceptance of the traffic control plans for Sendero Tract Sections 9 and 10, Precinct 3. *(Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.)***
  - H. **Set public hearing on the request to modify the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan, specifically Sienna Parkway extension, Southern Colony Avenue, and (future) Caldwell Ranch Boulevard within the extraterritorial jurisdictions of Alvin, Arcola, and Missouri City, Precinct 1. *(Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.)***
14. **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING: The Director of Facilities Management & Planning submits these invoices for approval and payment for projects that are funded by 2015 Facility Bonds and by General Fund through Advance Funding Resolution:**
  - A. **Pay Application No. 12 in the amount of \$451,786.87 including partial retainage payout to Teal Construction for construction services regarding the rehabilitation of the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium;**
  - B. **Invoice No. 909507494 in the amount of \$760.00 to BSN Sports for sporting equipment regarding renovations to the Missouri City Middle School Gymnasium;**
  - C. **Invoice No. H645142 in the amount of \$2,410.99 to Armko Industries Inc. for roof consulting services regarding the seven Roof Replacements;**
  - D. **Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$280,294.86 to Crain Group for construction services regarding the South Post Oak Football Complex.**

**15. FORT BEND COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY:** The Board of Directors of the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority reviewed these items at their regular Board meeting held on August 19, 2020, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:

- A. Approve engagement letter between Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority and Whitley Penn LLP for auditing services.**
- B. Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to engineering services agreement between Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority and IDCUS, Inc.**
- C. Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for engineering services agreement between Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority and RPS Infrastructure Inc.**

**16. FORT BEND GRAND PARKWAY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY:** The Board of Directors of the Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority reviewed these items at their regular meeting held on August 19, 2020, and makes the following recommendations to Commissioners Court:

- A. Approve engagement letter between Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority and Whitley Penn LLP for audit services.**
- B. Approval of Third Amendment to Agreement regarding interoperability of toll systems and transponders between Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority, North Authority, Harris County, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Kansas Turnpike and Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.**
- C. Approve Master Services Agreement between Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority and USIC Locating Services LLC.**
- D. Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to engineering services agreement between Fort Bend Grand Parkway Toll Road Authority and Aguirre and Fields LP.**

**17. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION:** The grant application for the below item has been approved by Commissioners Court; the Grants Coordinator has reviewed the acceptance documents and makes the following recommendation to Commissioners Court:

**Health & Human Services:** Accept and sign Contract No. HHS000812700019 between Texas Department of State Health Services and Fort Bend County to accept grant funding in the amount of \$406,531 for enhancement of the surveillance activities for COVID-19 effective through April 30, 2022.

**18. HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**Approve request for withdrawal of 80 hours from the Shared Sick Leave Pool for employee of Constable, Precinct 4, Position No. 5504-0006.**

**19. JUVENILE PROBATION & DETENTION**

**Approve payment of invoices for residential services provided to alleged or adjudicated juvenile offenders in licensed child care facility or secure post-adjudication facility: Hays County: Invoice No. 08102020 in the amount of \$40,385.00; Nueces County: Invoice No. 072020 in the amount of \$5,031.30; Grayson County: Invoice No. 07312020 in the amount of \$24,368.35; Rite of Passage-Monarch Academy for Girls: Invoice No. 072020 in the amount of \$12,556.78; Rite of Passage-Desert Lily: Invoice No. I-24766 in the amount of \$6,128.39; and The Refuge: Invoice No. ACR20JUL in the amount of \$197.69. (Fund: 2019 Juvenile Projects)**

**20. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

**Approve payment for Invoice No. 4020523.01 in the amount of \$8,004.43 to SpawGlass Construction for installation of French drain regarding the Transit Facility, Mobility Bond Project No. 13406. (Fund: 2013 Mobility Bonds)**

**21. PURCHASING:**

- A. Authorize advertising for bids for closed circuit television services for Juvenile.**
- B. Authorize advertising for bids for term contract for concrete curbs and gutters.**
- C. Authorize advertising for bids for purchase and installation of used synthetic turf for football field at Mustang Park.**

**22. SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

- A. Approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 7/Fresno Fire & Rescue for use of the County's Public Radio System.**
- B. Approve renewal of Motorcycle Agreements between Fort Bend County and the following specified employees: Christopher Bronsell, Brett Frankie, Rodolfo Hernandez, David Mejorado, Reid Rader, Flint Turner and Jesse Zamaripa effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: Sheriff's Office)**

**23. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:**

- A. Record into Minutes submission of 2020 Tax Year Appraisal Roll and Corrected New Property Value for the Fort Bend County General Fund.**
- B. Record into Minutes the Summary Monthly Report of Property Taxes Collected in July 2020 as submitted by the Office of Carrie Surratt, Tax Assessor/Collector.**

**24. TREASURER:**

**Approve Monthly Report submitted by the County Treasurer for July 2020, and authorize advertisement of affidavit of the same, in accordance with Local Government Code Section 114.026.**

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Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Consent Agenda Items 6 - 24, excepting 12B.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Item 12B Pulled

**25. COUNTY JUDGE:**

**Discuss and take all appropriate action to extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency ordered by the County Judge on June 23, 2020, and extended by Commissioners Court on June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and carried (3-1), it is ordered to further extend the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency ordered by the County Judge on June 23, 2020, and extended by Commissioners Court on June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020 to continue in effect for as long as the Disaster Proclamation regarding the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 issued by the Governor of the State of Texas is in effect for Texas Counties, including Fort Bend County.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	No
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

Commissioner Prestage stated as long as the Governor has his extension of the Disaster Declaration in effect, Fort Bend County will continue their extension. Commissioner's understanding is the Governor's extension is indefinite.

**26. COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3:**

**Take all appropriate action to rescind action by Commissioners Court on April 28, 2020, Agenda Item 23 A, the approval of Purchase Sale Agreement with Purchase Option, Revisions and Clarifications between Fort Bend County and GM Equity Group for land to be used for new Fulshear Library.**

Pulled

**27. AUDITOR:**

**Take all appropriate action on funding Demonstration Year Nine of the 1115 Waiver Program in the amount of \$5,313,230 with an intergovernmental transfer of \$2,078,005.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve funding Demonstration Year Nine of the 1115 Waiver Program in the amount of \$5,313,230 with an intergovernmental transfer of \$2,078,005.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**28. BUDGET & FINANCE:**

**A. Take all appropriate action on request to rescind the action taken on August 11, 2020, Agenda Item No. 21A, to propose the 2020 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County, and propose the 2020 Tax Rate as follows, and take a record vote:**

<b>Proposed General Fund Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.336000</b>
<b>OPEB Trust (General Fund)</b>	<b>\$0.010000</b>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge Fund</b>	<b>\$0.015000</b>
<b>Proposed Interest &amp; Sinking Fund Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.074876</b>
<b>Total Proposed Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.435876</b>

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
 Duly put and carried (3-1), it is ordered, by record vote, the action to propose a tax rate on August 11, 2020 be rescinded, and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.33600 for the General Fund, \$0.0100 for the OPEB Trust Fund, \$0.01500 for the Road & Bridge Fund and \$0.074876 for the Interest & Sinking Fund for a total Fort Bend County Tax Rate of \$0.435876, which is effectively a 2.58 percent increase in the tax rate.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	No
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

MOTION PASSES

**Item 28 continued - Budget & Finance:**

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor, explained information was not provided to the Tax Assessor for the use of the excess debt service collections for 2020. There were funds in excess that needed to service the County's debt due to the delay in issuing additional debt that was planned to be issued. The most appropriate financially responsible thing to do with those additional funds is to retire current debt. In doing so, it requires the removal of the excess debt collection from the tax calculation worksheet the Tax Assessor prepared. The debt service rate is more appropriately set at \$0.074876 level rather than the artificially low number previously included. This will allow the court to fulfill its responsibilities for capital initiatives, mostly being mobility that were previously approved by voters and will result in no delay in meeting those obligations to the voters and the taxpayers of Fort Bend County. Mr. Sturdivant stated if this were not acted on, the debt service rate would reduce back down to just over \$0.05 and would require the court to delay the capital projects, mostly being mobility, for a period of 3 - 5 years, while the County recovers from the artificial reduction in the tax rate, due to the inclusion of the excess debt service collection in 2020.

- B. Take all appropriate action to reschedule and set public hearing on the proposal to increase the 2020 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County, initially set to be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearing will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearing will be conducted remotely by videoconference.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to reschedule and set public hearing on the proposal to increase the 2020 Tax Rate for Fort Bend County, initially set to be conducted on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearing will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearing will be conducted remotely by videoconference.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 28 continued - Budget & Finance:**

- C. Take all appropriate action to reschedule and set public hearings for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget for Fort Bend County initially set to be conducted on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearings will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearings will be conducted remotely by videoconference.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to reschedule and set public hearings for the FY 2021 Proposed Budget for Fort Bend County initially set to be conducted on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to Monday, September 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.; hearings will be conducted in person in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Fort Bend County Courthouse at 401 Jackson Street in Richmond, Texas. If an order is issued at the state, local or federal level that limits or prohibits in-person gatherings, the hearings will be conducted remotely by videoconference.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**29. COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

**Take all appropriate action on Amended Resolution and Order decreeing the acquisition of property to be a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition and payment of compensation by record vote for South Post Oak Mobility Project beginning at Trammel Fresno Road and ending at Hunter Green Lane, Mobility Bond Project No. 13112, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Amended Resolution and Order decreeing the acquisition of property to be a public necessity and authorizing the acquisition and payment of compensation by record vote for South Post Oak Mobility Project beginning at Trammel Fresno Road and ending at Hunter Green Lane, Mobility Bond Project No. 13112, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

MOTION PASSES

**30. ENGINEERING:**

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 3 in the amount of \$2,143.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcel for Benton Road Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17110, Precinct 1, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 3 in the amount of \$2,143.33 plus the necessary costs, and authorize County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcel for Benton Road Segment 1, Mobility Bond Project No. 17110, Precinct 1, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcels 2, 2A and 2B in the amount of \$371,620.33 and Parcels 3, 3A, and 3B in the amount of \$82,583 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcels for Brandt Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17310, Precinct 3, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcels 2, 2A and 2B in the amount of \$371,620.33 and Parcels 3, 3A, and 3B in the amount of \$82,583 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcels for Brandt Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17310, Precinct 3, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 30 continued - Engineering:**

- C. Take all appropriate action on request to purchase Parcel 3 in the amount of \$7,830 and Parcel 5 in the amount of \$1,282 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcels for Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, Precincts 1 and 2, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to purchase Parcel 3 in the amount of \$7,830 and Parcel 5 in the amount of \$1,282 plus the necessary costs, and authorize the County Judge to sign all closing documents regarding said parcels for Lake Olympia Segment 2, Mobility Bond Project No. 17201, Precincts 1 and 2, and authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- D. Take all appropriate action on acceptance of a 0.0207-acre tract of land conveyed by donation deed by Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 1 to Fort Bend County and authorize payment of title policy fees in the amount of \$330 related to such conveyance, regarding Parcel 218 of Cinco Ranch Turn Lanes, Mobility Bond Project No. 17314x, Precinct 3; authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to accept a 0.0207-acre tract of land conveyed by donation deed by Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 1 to Fort Bend County and authorize payment of title policy fees in the amount of \$330 related to such conveyance, regarding Parcel 218 of Cinco Ranch Turn Lanes, Mobility Bond Project No. 17314x, Precinct 3; authorize County Clerk to record in the Official Public Records at no cost. (Fund: Mobility Bonds)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 30 continued - Engineering:**

**E. Take all appropriate action on Development Agreement between Fort Bend County and Woodmere Development Company, Ltd. regarding the construction of Courageous Trail, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Development Agreement between Fort Bend County and Woodmere Development Company, Ltd. regarding the construction of Courageous Trail, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**F. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the block length requirements as stated in Section 5.5.A.2, of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Cherry Industrial Center on behalf of 4601 Holmes Road Corporation, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve variance to the block length requirements as stated in Section 5.5.A.2, of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Cherry Industrial Center on behalf of 4601 Holmes Road Corporation, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**G. Take all appropriate action on the plat for Cherry Industrial Center, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve the plat for Cherry Industrial Center, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 30 continued - Engineering:**

**H. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the residential curb radius requirement as stated in Section 5.5.C.3 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Lakeview Retreat Section 9 on behalf of D.R. Horton Texas. Ltd., Precinct 2.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve variance to the residential curb radius requirement as stated in Section 5.5.C.3 of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions for Lakeview Retreat Section 9 on behalf of D.R. Horton Texas. Ltd., Precinct 2.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**I. Take all appropriate action on request for variance to the flag lot requirements as stated in Section 5.14.B.1.A of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions and the radius corner requirements as stated in Section 5.3.B.5 for Bulls Meadows Estates on behalf of Alfredo M. Ochoa and Claudia Cervantes, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve variance to the flag lot requirements as stated in Section 5.14.B.1.A of the Fort Bend County Regulations of Subdivisions and the radius corner requirements as stated in Section 5.3.B.5 for Bulls Meadows Estates on behalf of Alfredo M. Ochoa and Claudia Cervantes, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**J. Take all appropriate action on the plat for Bulls Meadows Estates, Precinct 1.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve the plat for Bulls Meadows Estates, Precinct 1.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**31. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & PLANNING:**

- A. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$23,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Management & Planning accounts as detailed on Director's form dated August 19, 2020, to allocate funds needed to repair carpet and replace furniture in the Jail Courtroom.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$23,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Management & Planning accounts as detailed on Director's form dated August 19, 2020, to allocate funds needed to repair carpet and replace furniture in the Jail Courtroom.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- B. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$4,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Management & Planning Fees to allocate funds for costs associated with software.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$4,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Management & Planning Fees to allocate funds for costs associated with software.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- C. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$15,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Custodial Supplies & Maintenance, as detailed on Director's form dated August 19, 2020, to allocate funds for the purchase of custodial supplies to last through September 30, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$15,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Custodial Supplies & Maintenance, as detailed on Director's form dated August 19, 2020, to allocate funds for the purchase of custodial supplies to last through September 30, 2020.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 31 continued - Facilities Management & Planning:**

**D. Take all appropriate action on request to transfer the amount of \$50,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Maintenance, Supplies & Maintenance to allocate funds for expenditures through September 30, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to transfer the amount of \$50,000 from Non-Departmental Contingency into Facilities Maintenance, Supplies & Maintenance to allocate funds for expenditures through September 30, 2020.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**32. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:**

**Take all appropriate action on Signature Document for Texas Health & Human Services Contract under the Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Signature Document for Texas Health & Human Services Contract under the Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**33. HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

**Take all appropriate action on update to the Fort Bend County Emergency Management Plan, specifically Annex B, Communications, the content of which is confidential pursuant to Government Code sections 418.176 and 418.182.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve update to the Fort Bend County Emergency Management Plan, specifically Annex B, Communications, the content of which is confidential pursuant to Government Code sections 418.176 and 418.182.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**34. HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**A. Take all appropriate action on the proposed 2021 Holiday Schedule as submitted by Human Resources.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve the proposed 2021 Holiday Schedule as submitted by Human Resources.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**B. Take all appropriate action to authorize the County Judge to execute Fort Bend County's Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) Plan Authorization for the Plan Year 2021 and consider action on the following items: changes in the plan provisions for non-retirees; Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees; and payment of a rate greater than the TCDRS required rate.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered for the 2021 TCDRS plan year no changes are made in the plan provisions for non-retirees, adopt no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to be paid to retirees or their beneficiaries, and elects to pay the total required employer contribution rate of 12.33% and authorize the County Judge to execute the Plan Authorization Form to formally communicate these decisions to TCDRS.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**C. Take all appropriate action on requests by various elected officials and departments to post job openings during the hiring freeze, as detailed in report submitted by Director of Human Resources.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve requests by various elected officials and departments to post job openings during the hiring freeze, as detailed in report submitted by Director of Human Resources.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**35. LIBRARY:**

**Take all appropriate action on the Music Copyright License Agreement between Fort Bend County and United Sound Arts, Inc.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve the Music Copyright License Agreement between Fort Bend County and United Sound Arts, Inc.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**36. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

**A. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to Agreement for Transportation Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels & Much, Much, More.**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve First Amendment to Agreement for Transportation Services between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels & Much, Much, More.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**B. Take all appropriate action on application to Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5311 Rural Federal funds in the amount of \$618,094 in federal, and a proposed state match of \$15,871 to be provided by Fiscal Year FY2020 5311 State funding, \$61,476 in local match, and \$69,897 in transportation development credits, for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information. (Fund: Public Transportation Grants)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve application to Texas Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5311 Rural Federal funds in the amount of \$618,094 in federal, and a proposed state match of \$15,871 to be provided by Fiscal Year FY2020 5311 State funding, \$61,476 in local match, and \$69,897 in transportation development credits, for assistance with transportation programs, including grantor's request for submittal of additional information. (Fund: Public Transportation Grants)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 36 continued - Public Transportation:**

- C. Take all appropriate action on application to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Award Identification Number TX-2020-169-00 for Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5307 funds totaling \$4,598,188 with \$1,230,941 in transportation development credits, including grantor’s request for submittal of additional information. (Fund: Public Transportation Grants)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve application to the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Award Identification Number TX-2020-169-00 for Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5307 funds totaling \$4,598,188 with \$1,230,941 in transportation development credits, including grantor’s request for submittal of additional information.  
 (Fund: Public Transportation Grants)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**37. PURCHASING:**

- A. Take all appropriate action on Fourth Renewal to Agreement for Online Homework Tutoring Services with Brainfuse, Inc. pursuant to RFP 17-002 in the amount of \$78,000 for the term October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: Library)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Fourth Renewal to Agreement for Online Homework Tutoring Services with Brainfuse, Inc. pursuant to RFP 17-002 in the amount of \$78,000 for the term October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. (Fund: Library)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- B. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-085 Shower Renovation in Fort Bend County Jail.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-085 Shower Renovation in Fort Bend County Jail to low bidder, Nash Industries Inc for the Base Bid Option 1, in the amount of \$958,000.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

**C. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-104 for Mobile Health Unit for COVID Response.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-104 for Mobile Health Unit for COVID Response to low bidder, Nomad Global Communications Solution, Inc.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**D. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-002, term contract for Ford Motor Repair Parts.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-002, term contract for Ford Motor Repair Parts to Helfman Ford Inc, the highest percentage off list.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**E. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-099, X-ray Equipment for Employee Clinic.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-099, X-ray Equipment for Employee Clinic to low bidder, VXS Imaging, Inc.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

**F. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-105 for Demolition Services for the existing Emergency Operations Center.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-105 for Demolition Services for the existing Emergency Operations Center to low bidder, Cherry Demolition in the amount of \$47,800.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**G. Take all appropriate action on Bid 20-100 for the construction of Old Richmond Road from Sugar Land-Howell Road to Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 20-100 for the construction of Old Richmond Road from Sugar Land-Howell Road to Belknap Road, Mobility Bond Project No. 17208 to low bidder, Allgood Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$3,278,586.91.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

**H. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-005, term contract for Newspaper Publication of Legal Notices.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and carried (2-2), it is ordered to award Bid 21-005, term contract for Newspaper  
Publication of Legal Notices to the lowest bidder, Fort Bend Independent.

Judge George	No
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	No
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

MOTION FAILED

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Judge George  
Duly put and carried (2-2), it is ordered to re-advertise for Tri weekly & weekly publications  
and that every effort is made to offer solicitations to all papers that serve any and all parts of Fort  
Bend County.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	No
Commissioner DeMerchant	No

MOTION FAILED

Jaime Kovar, Purchasing Agent stated bids went out for tri-weekly as well as weekly publication of  
legal notices. The Purchasing Department met their obligation of what statutes were required which is  
to advertise in the newspaper as well as advertise on the County website. The Purchasing Department  
also provides a courtesy notification to vendors informing them to download the link if they are  
interested in the project. They were informed there were certain newspaper publications that were not  
notified and found some emails went to the incorrect person. Therefore, there was only one bid  
submission, which was Fort Bend Independent. This was the only bid on the weekly publication; not  
the tri-weekly. This vendor has met the requirements for this solicitation. The statute gives the court  
the authority to award the contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid or to  
reject all bids and re-advertise.

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

Commissioner Prestage discussed, with all due respect, the Fort Bend Independent does not reach very many people in the County. If the County is to publish legal notices and have them effective and reach the population, the Fort Bend Independent is not sufficient for public notices to reach all parts of the County. A plan needs to be devised in which notifications will get the job done. Commissioner's understanding is the County spends less than \$50,000 on notifications per year. If publishing legal notices are published just to meet statutory requirements and there is no intent for the notices to be effective, money is being wasted. Commissioner would like to pull this item back and come back to court with a plan in how all parts of the County can be reached effectively.

Commissioner Meyers commented that the Fort Bend Independent is the only legal service newspaper distributed throughout the County, other than the Chronicle which costs more. Other newspapers, which may qualify, have less circulation than the Fort Bend Independent in Fort Bend County. Commissioner stated the Fort Bend Independent is the only newspaper that distributes the newspaper to every library in the County, City Hall, various senior citizens homes, and to various communities from Vicksburg to Fulshear. It is the legal service newspaper for Stafford and Missouri City, as well as the current legal service newspaper for Fort Bend County. If one does not get the newspaper, they can always subscribe to the paper. A Legal Notice newspaper is a subscription newspaper.

**I. Take all appropriate action on Bid 21-007, term contract for traffic count services.**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to award Bid 21-007, term contract for traffic count services to low bidder, Gram Traffic Counting, Inc.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**J. Take all appropriate action on Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Fort Bend County and Outreach Strategists, LLC for additional services in the amount of \$40,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$454,500 for Census project management and to extend time of performance no later than November 30, 2020. (Fund: 2020 Census Grants from The George Foundation, Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation, and Houston Endowment Foundation)**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and carried (3-1), it is ordered to approve Second Amendment to Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Fort Bend County and Outreach Strategists, LLC for additional services in the amount of \$40,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$454,500 for Census project management and to extend time of performance no later than November 30, 2020. (Fund: 2020 Census Grants from The George Foundation, Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation, and Houston Endowment Foundation)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	No
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

Commissioner Meyers requested detail information that was not received. The information is regarding the census project with emailing people and visiting door to door.

Ed Sturdivant, County Auditor stated he has made a request for the information Commissioner Meyers is looking for and does not have it at this point and time.

**K. Take all appropriate action on Ninth Amendment to Agreement for Professional Actuarial Services between Fort Bend County and Milliman, Inc. pursuant to SOQ 07-086, to perform the GASB 75 Valuation services for an amount not to exceed \$24,700 effective July 28, 2020 through February 28, 2021. (Fund: Employee Benefits)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Ninth Amendment to Agreement for Professional Actuarial Services between Fort Bend County and Milliman, Inc. pursuant to SOQ 07-086, to perform the GASB 75 Valuation services for an amount not to exceed \$24,700 effective July 28, 2020 through February 28, 2021. (Fund: Employee Benefits)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**L. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to Agreement for Vitasys EzEpi Outbreak Management System Software Customization Agreement between Fort Bend County and Vitasys, Inc. to provide additional technical support and services related to enhancements to the OMS system the amount of \$54,200 effective through October 30, 2020. (Fund: Cares Act)**

Moved by Commissioner DeMerchant, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve First Amendment to Agreement for Vitasys EzEpi Outbreak Management System Software Customization Agreement between Fort Bend County and Vitasys, Inc. to provide additional technical support and services related to enhancements to the OMS system the amount of \$54,200 effective through October 30, 2020. (Fund: Cares Act)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

- M. Take all appropriate action on First Amendment to Agreement for Janitorial Services at Fort Bend County Justice Center pursuant to TIPS cooperative contract 170104 between Fort Bend County and McLemore Building Maintenance, Inc. for additional services for an additional \$3,130 per month or annual contract amount not to exceed \$349,560. (Fund: Facilities)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve First Amendment to Agreement for Janitorial Services at Fort Bend County Justice Center pursuant to TIPS cooperative contract 170104 between Fort Bend County and McLemore Building Maintenance, Inc. for additional services for an additional \$3,130 per month or annual contract amount not to exceed \$349,560. (Fund: Facilities)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- N. Take all appropriate action on Fifth Addendum to Software License and Service Agreement between Fort Bend County and Guardian RFID, pursuant to RFP 15-035 regarding paperless round sheet software in the amount of \$35,325.00 per term or a total maximum sum in an amount not to exceed \$141,300 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024. (Fund: Sheriff's Office, Detention)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Fifth Addendum to Software License and Service Agreement between Fort Bend County and Guardian RFID, pursuant to RFP 15-035 regarding paperless round sheet software in the amount of \$35,325.00 per term or a total maximum sum in an amount not to exceed \$141,300 effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024. (Fund: Sheriff's Office, Detention)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

- O. Take all appropriate action on Agreement between Fort Bend County and Crain Group, LLC for Construction of Public Safety Annex pursuant to RFP 20-089, in the amount of \$4,543,026, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2015 Facilities Bond Proposition 4 and General Fund Advance Funding Resolution)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement between Fort Bend County and Crain Group, LLC for Construction of Public Safety Annex pursuant to RFP 20-089, in the amount of \$4,543,026, Precinct 3. (Fund: 2015 Facilities Bond Proposition 4 and General Fund Advance Funding Resolution)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- P. Take all appropriate action on Agreement for Professional Services between Fort Bend County and Latta Technical, Inc. for electronic security engineering services regarding the Fort Bend County Jail video management and recording system in the amount not to exceed \$51,800. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner Prestage  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Agreement for Professional Services between Fort Bend County and Latta Technical, Inc. for electronic security engineering services regarding the Fort Bend County Jail video management and recording system in the amount not to exceed \$51,800. (Fund: Advance Funding Resolution)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**Item 37 continued - Purchasing:**

- Q. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Transcend Engineers & Planners, LLC, to increase the contract by \$1,900 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$53,865.40 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Cinco Ranch Boulevard at Enchanted Meadow Lane Project No. TS19302, Precinct 3. (Fund: Fort Bend County Assistance District No. 1)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Transcend Engineers & Planners, LLC, to increase the contract by \$1,900 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$53,865.40 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Cinco Ranch Boulevard at Enchanted Meadow Lane Project No. TS19302, Precinct 3. (Fund: Fort Bend County Assistance District No. 1)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

- R. Take all appropriate action on Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Transcend Engineers & Planners, LLC to increase the contract by \$9,990 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$48,917.50 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Westheimer Parkway at Roesner Road Project No. TS19303, Precinct 3. (Fund: Road & Bridge)**

Moved by Commissioner Meyers, Seconded by Commissioner DeMerchant  
 Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services between Fort Bend County and Transcend Engineers & Planners, LLC to increase the contract by \$9,990 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$48,917.50 pursuant to SOQ 14-025, regarding Westheimer Parkway at Roesner Road Project No. TS19303, Precinct 3. (Fund: Road & Bridge)

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**38. Approve Bills.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to approve bills in the amount of  
\$12,376,640.65, with operating expenditures totaling \$9,582,756.64.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**39. Ratify the release of time sensitive disbursements by County Auditor on August 20, 2020.**

Moved by Commissioner Prestage, Seconded by Commissioner Meyers  
Duly put and unanimously carried (4-0), it is ordered to ratify the release of time sensitive  
disbursements by County Auditor on August 20, 2020, in the amount of \$9,574,655.19.

Judge George	Yes
Commissioner Morales	Absent
Commissioner Prestage	Yes
Commissioner Meyers	Yes
Commissioner DeMerchant	Yes

**40. WORKSHOP:**

**Workshop to receive presentation by Port Freeport.**

Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, CEO Port Freeport, gave an update of Port Freeport.

**Recess:**

Recessed at 2:48 p.m.

**41. Meet in Closed Session to deliberate the following matters as authorized by the Texas Government Code:**

**A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation; a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to Commissioners Court under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.**

- 1. Matters related to the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan in and surrounding the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town of Thompsons, Precinct 1.**
- 2. Cause No. 18-DCV-251366 – In Re: Abandoned and Unverified Historical Cemetery located on that certain parcel of land owned by the Fort Bend Independent School District.**

**B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters. Commissioners Court will meet in Closed Session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.**

**Annual Evaluation, Director of Finance & Investments.**

**Closed Session:**

Convened at 2:58 p.m.

Adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

**Reconvene:**

Reconvened at 4:07 p.m.

**42. Reconvene Open Session and consider taking action on the following matters:**

**A. § 551.071. Consultation With Attorney.**

- 1. Matters related to the Fort Bend County Major Thoroughfare Plan in and surrounding the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town of Thompsons, Precinct 1.**

No Action

- 2. Cause No. 18-DCV-251366 – In Re: Abandoned and Unverified Historical Cemetery located on that certain parcel of land owned by the Fort Bend Independent School District.**

No action

**B. § 551.074. Personnel Matters.**

**Annual Evaluation, Director of Finance & Investments.**

The Commissioners Court conducted an annual evaluation of the Director of Finance & Investments.

**43. Adjournment.**

Commissioners Court adjourned at 4:09 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Meyers,  
to adjourn.



**I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.**

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**Laura Richard, County Clerk, Fort Bend County, Texas**